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SUBJ: PRE-LICENSE CHECK: INFRARED FILM-BEWT #088973

REF: STATE 13999

1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH RIHA OF ARTIA, WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH FILM ORDER BUT SAID THAT (A) NAME OF END-USER (AS GIVEN IN REFTEL) WAS INCORRECT, AND (B) HE HAD NEVER SIGNED FC-843. HE ASSUMED HIS NAME MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED BY THE FILM PRODUCER, KODAK, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE TALKING IN NEAR FUTURE WITH KODAK OFFICIAL BAKER AND WOULD RAISE MATTER WITH HIM.

2. RIHA SAID CORRECT END-USER WAS FOLLOWING:
MR. JOSEF POSPISIL, AGRICULTURAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, CSR
MINISTRY OF FOREST AND WATER ECONOMY, OPLETALOVA 23, PRAGUE 1.

3. RIHA BELIEVED THAT REFERENCE TO "TROPICAL INSTITUTE" PROBABLY DERIVED FROM FACT THAT FILM WAS TO BE USED BY SPECIAL UTILITY AIRCRAFT BELONGING TO TOPOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE, WORKING ON ORDERS FROM AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES. HE CONFIRMED THAT INTENT WAS TO MEASURE EFFECT OF INDUSTRIAL EXHAUST ON VEGETATION. THIS WAS BEST DONE IN AUTUMN AFTER FALL OF LEAVES; ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN FILM FOR USE LAST AUTUMN THEY WOULD STILL LIKE IT FOR AUTUMM 1974.

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4. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, AGRICULTURAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IS

ENTIRELY CIVILIAN OPERATION. TOPOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE REFERRED TO BY RIHA IS PRESUMABLY VOJENSKY ZEMEPISNY USTAV (MILITARY GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE) SUBORDINATE TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. REASONABLE SUPPOSITION IS THAT THEY ARE INVOLVED BECAUSE THEY HAVE SUITABLE AIRCRAFT; INTENDED FILM OPERATION IS CONSONANT WITH GREATLY INCREASED CZECHOSLOVAK INTEREST IN EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION.
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